

HOMILETICS I **STUDY QUESTIONS 3**

1. Why should the preacher study the Bible?

The preacher must first understand the Word for himself before he can preach to others. The preacher must know the Word before he can preach the Word.

2. How many correct meanings are there of a Bible passage?

There is only one correct meaning of a Bible passage.

3. What is the key to correct Biblical interpretation?

The key to correct Biblical interpretation is to understand the meaning within the context of the passage.

4. What is meant by the word context in relation to correct Biblical interpretation?

Context is how a word or sentence fits in relation to the whole sentence or passage.

5. Briefly explain the concept of comparing Scripture with Scripture.

A good way to understand the meaning of a word is to see how that word is used in the context of different Scripture passages. By comparing verses with each other the Bible will be better understood. One verse can help explain the meaning of another verse.

6. What is in perfect unity in relation to itself?

The Word of God is in perfect unity in relation to itself.

7. List three areas in which the preacher can make notes on what he has studied.

Write down the meaning of new or unfamiliar words.

Write down a thought or sermon topic as soon as you can.

It can be helpful to separate a Scripture into its main thoughts.

8. Why should you write down a thought or sermon topic as soon as you can?

If you don't write down something when you receive it you may not be able to remember it later. God may show you something in prayer or while you are reading the Word; these truths should be written down and kept so they can be studied and used later.

9. How will separating the Scripture into its main thoughts help the preacher to better be able to preach?

You can then study each main thought of the text separately.

Separating the Scripture into parts will help you to preach one part of the Scripture and then go on to the next part and build the sermon on the whole Scripture one piece at a time.

10. Give verbatim II Peter 1:20

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.